



HNR 200 A & B: Honors Forum on Christ & Culture Spring 2011

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Course Description

The purpose of this course is to expose students to a broad array of cultural areas and issues in order to help them understand the important role of their faith in developing a discerning response to culture. Students will attend a variety of events and lectures and be challenged to reflect critically upon their messages, particularly in light of their broader liberal education and their developing understanding of the Christian faith. This course is limited to students in the Honors College.

Learning Outcomes

Through their completion of course requirements, students should gain the following:

- A basic conversancy with a variety of prominent issues in contemporary society and culture.
- An appreciation for the complex nature of contemporary issues and problems.
- The capacity to analyze and contextualize contemporary issues with diligence and honesty.
- The ability to assess contemporary society and culture as faithful participants in the Christian theological tradition.

Requirements

In order to complete HNR 200, each student will:

1. Attend the **Athens & Jerusalem Seminar** on March 15 at 4:00 pm in the Globe Theatre with Dr. D. Stephen Long. The seminar is offered to students and faculty throughout the university and provides an opportunity for our community to wrestle collectively with a topic related to Christian vocation and scholarship.
Optional elective credit: If students would like to read this book and participate in a discussion group, they should select elective 24 when they reserve their elective events (one elective credit). A free copy of the book will be provided.
2. Attend three presentations during **Celebration of Scholarship**, April 5-6. Presentations are offered throughout the day and are each about 20 minutes long.
3. Participate in the **President's Author Series** with Dr. Pete Ward, author of *Gods Behaving Badly*. Participation is two-pronged:

- Students will complete brief reading notes (2-3 typed pages) on Dr. Ward's book and submit 3-4 questions they might ask at the event. The reading notes are due on March 28 at 5:00 pm and must be submitted on Blackboard.
- Students will attend the President's Author Series event on Monday, March 28, from 5:30-8:30 pm in Henry West Banquet Room and the Globe Theatre and come prepared to ask questions of the author about the book.

4. Complete at least **six credits** of **elective events** (see list of elective events, starting on page 4).

Required Reading

Ward, Pete. (2011). *Gods Behaving Badly*. This book is scheduled to be released on February 1, 2011.

Optional Reading

For those interested in participating in an Athens & Jerusalem discussion group, elective event 24. To obtain a copy of the book, contact honors.forum@indwes.edu.

Long, D. Stephen. (2009). *Speaking of God*.

Participation and Attendance Policies

Athens & Jerusalem Seminar and the President's Author Series: Full participation in these events is mandatory for all HNR 200 students. If a student cannot attend an event, he or she must send an email to honors.forum@indwes.edu at least two weeks in advance, and there will be a make-up assignment.

Elective Events: Participation in **six elective credits** is required. The credit value of each event is listed on pages 4-7. Students may participate in more than six credits of electives, depending upon availability.

Release Form: A completed release form is required for participation in any off-campus events. The form is available on Blackboard and on the website where you reserve events (see the section below for details about event reservation). If you select any off-campus events when you reserve an event for Forum, you must complete the release form and return an original, signed copy to the JWHC Office in Goodman 203. The form must be turned in **at least a week before the event**, or we will give your spot to someone else.

Cancellations: You may cancel your reservation up to two weeks before the date of the event, provided that you have a justifiable reason for cancelling. You may also cancel within the two weeks leading up to the event, but you will be responsible for finding another Honors Forum student to take your place. Exceptions for emergency situations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

How to Reserve and Confirm Elective Events

Reservations: On the left hand side of the JWHC website (jwhc.indwes.edu), select “JWHC Academics”, then “Honors Forum,” then “Reservation Form.” Click on that link, and type in the **LIMITED** Forum events that you would like to attend this semester. We will confirm all requests via email. All reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. **If you are willing to drive the IWU van for any of the off-campus events, please let us know in the comments box of the reservation form. Drivers will be given first priority. If a driver cannot be found for a certain event, it will be cancelled, and students will be responsible for finding other elective credits. In order to drive for a Forum event, you must be an approved IWU driver. Email honors.forum@indwes.edu for more information.**

First Date to Reserve Events: Reservations for elective events will not be accepted prior to Saturday, January 22, at 1:00 pm. Any reservations made before that time will not be accepted.

Confirmations: In order to receive credit for any elective that you have attended, you must confirm your attendance online. On the left hand side of jwhc.indwes.edu, select “JWHC Academics,” then “Honors Forum,” then “Confirmation Form.” Click on that link, and enter the number for the event that you attended. **All confirmations must be made within one week after the date of the event. If you fail to confirm within one week of the event, you will be required to write a two-page reflection paper before receiving credit for the event.**

Attending a “Full” Event: If you would like to attend an event that is already full, you may still attend and receive credit, but must pay your own transportation and event costs. You will be required to provide proof of attendance, so keep your ticket stubs, playbills, etc.

How Will I Know If You Have Received My Confirmation? We use Blackboard to track your Forum elective credits. You many visit Blackboard to find out which events you have confirmed and how many electives you have completed. Please allow about two weeks after submitting your confirmation before you expect to see it posted on Blackboard.

Additional Information

Questions and Concerns: Please send all Forum-related emails to Annie Brooker and Taryn Coates at honors.forum@indwes.edu. Annie and Taryn will check this account regularly, but not daily. In case of an emergency, you may also contact Sara Scheunemann, JWHC Program Coordinator, at ext. 1799, or at sara.scheunemann@indwes.edu.

Academic Honesty/Plagiarism: Any form of academic dishonesty and/or plagiarism is deemed to be a serious violation of the fabric of our character as a community. As a result, any confirmed case of academic dishonesty and/or plagiarism will result in a failing grade for the course. The student is then referred to the John Wesley Honors College Committee in order that his or her further standing in that community can be reviewed. Confirmed cases of academic dishonesty/plagiarism are also submitted to the Academic Affairs Office of the College of Arts and Sciences and are thus subject to further review.

Students with Disabilities: In an effort to meet the aspiration of its mission to develop world changers and to respect federal law, Indiana Wesleyan University provides reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Students need to self-identify in order to be eligible for such accommodations. In partnership with faculty members and administrators, staff members in the Center for Student Success coordinate this process. Please contact Mr. Nathan Herring (Student Center 220, ext. 2257) for further assistance.

Grading

This course is graded as credit / no-credit. Students will receive “no credit” if they fail to complete any of the requirements for the course.

Spring 2011 Forum Elective Opportunities

Students are required to select at least 6 elective credits. Costs of the events are listed. This information is for students who have signed up for the event after the maximum number of students has been reached, but still wish to attend on their own. **If you are signed up for an event with Honors Forum, you will NOT need to pay.**

Performing Arts

1. ***Jungle Games and Harry & Mort (or another play TBA)***

Friday, February 4, 2011, 7:30 pm

IWU, PPAC, Black Box Theater

Includes mandatory discussion in the Black Box following the performance.

Maximum Students: 15 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: \$6

2. ***The Count of Monte Cristo***

Saturday, February 12, 2011, 8:00 pm (leaving at 7:00 pm)

Taylor University—Mitchell Theatre

Maximum Students: 12 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: \$10

**Driver Needed

***Release form required for off-campus event

3. ***Little Women***

Friday, April 1, 2011, 7:30 pm

IWU, PPAC, Auditorium

Maximum Students: 15 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Includes mandatory discussion in the Auditorium following the performance.

Credits: 2

Cost: \$6

4. ***The Gospel According to James***

Saturday, April 9, 2011, 4:00 pm (leaving at 1:30 pm)

Indiana Repertory Theatre

May attend with students from Intercultural Student Services

Will include dinner afterwards (cost paid by JWHC)

Maximum Students: 6 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: Currently unknown, but generally \$15-20 for students

**Driver Needed

***Release form required for off-campus event

5. World Lit Trilogy Plays

Date TBA, Time TBA

IWU, PPAC, Black Box Theater

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: FREE

Performing or Musical

6. Opera Theater: *The Magic Flute*

Sunday, February 6, 2011, 3:00 pm (leaving at 2:00 pm)

Taylor University—Recital Hall

Maximum Students: 12 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: \$10

**Driver Needed

***Release form required for off-campus event

7. Wagner's *Lohengrin*

Monday, February 7, 2011, All day event

Chicago Lyric Opera

This trip is organized through the Music Department; Dr. Lance Peeler will also be attending and driving. There will be a discussion/lecture included in the event.

Maximum Students: 11 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: \$10

Lunch will be covered by the JWHC.

*Need permission from professors to be excused from class

***Need to complete release form through the Music Department

8. Handel's *Hercules*

Wednesday, March 2, 2011, All day event

This trip is organized through the Music Department; Dr. Lance Peeler will also be attending and driving. There will be a discussion/lecture included in the event.

Maximum Students: 11 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: \$10

Lunch will be covered by the JWHC.

*Need permission from professors to be excused from class

***Need to complete release form through the Music Department

9. *COSÌ FAN TUTTE* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Sunday, April 10, 2011, 2:00 pm (leaving at 12:30 pm)

Ball State University—Emens Auditorium
Maximum Students: 12 [Limited, you must reserve this event]
Credits: 2
Cost: \$5
**Driver Needed
***Release form required for off-campus event

Visual

10. Paul Siebenthal: Recent Works

Tuesday, February 15, 2011, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
IWU, Beard Arts Center
Maximum Students: Unlimited
Credits: I
Cost: FREE

11. Senior Art Exhibits: Art Attack 2

Monday, March 14, 2011, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
IWU, Student Center
Maximum Students: Unlimited
Credits: I
Cost: FREE

12. Tyrus Clutter: Exploring the Matrix

Monday, March 21, 2011, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
IWU, Beard Arts Center
Maximum Students: Unlimited
Credits: I
Cost: FREE

13. Visit to Second Presbyterian Church

Thursday, February 3, 2011, 7:00 pm (departing at 5:30 pm)
Indianapolis
Dr. Lance Peeler will drive and lead a mandatory discussion with the event.
Maximum Students: 11 [Limited, you must reserve this event]
Credits: 2
Cost: FREE
***Release form required for off-campus event

14. Senior Art Exhibits: Art Attack 3

Monday, April 4, 2011, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
IWU, Student Center
Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: I

Cost: FREE

Musical

15. Dr. Park-Kim: Faculty Piano Recital

Friday, February 25, 2011, 7:30 pm

IWU, Baker Recital Hall

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: I

Cost: FREE

16. Marion Philharmonic Orchestra: "Spring Pops" Concert

Saturday, March 19, 2011, 7:30 pm

IWU, Phillippe Auditorium

Maximum Students: 15 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: I

Cost: \$5

17. Jazz Ensemble Concert

Monday, April 11, 2011, 7:30 pm

IWU, Phillippe Auditorium

Maximum Students: 15 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: I

Cost: \$6

18. IWU Orchestra Concert

Friday, April 15, 2011, 7:30 pm

IWU, Phillippe Auditorium

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: I

Cost: FREE

19. Organ Concert: Guest Artist Paul Jacobs

Sunday, April 17, 2011, 4:00 pm (leaving at 2:30 pm)

Ball State University, Sursa Performance Hall

Dr. Lance Peeler will drive and lead a mandatory discussion after the event.

Maximum Students: 11 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: FREE

***Release form required for off-campus event

20. Heart of Indiana: Children's Choir Concert

Tuesday, April 19, 2011, 7:30 pm

IWU, Phillippe Auditorium

Maximum Students: 15 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 1

Cost: \$4

Lectures

21. Faculty Lecture Series: Dr. Brown and Professor Walters—*The Art of Collaboration*

Monday, January 24, 2011, 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

IWU, Elder 143

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: FREE

22. Faculty Lecture Series: Dr. Smith—*Protestant and Catholic View of Sunday Baseball in the Major Leagues from 1876-1934: Day Off or Play Ball?*

Monday, January 31, 2011, 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

IWU, Elder 143

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: FREE

23. Banquet and Keynote Address at Taylor's Student Leadership Conference: Dr. James Hunter

Thursday, February 24, 2011, 5:30 pm (leaving at 4:15 pm)

Taylor University, Dining Commons Banquet Hall

Maximum Students: 12 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 1

Cost: \$15

**Driver Needed

***Release form required for off-campus event

24. Athens & Jerusalem Book Discussion: D. Stephen Long's *Speaking of God*

Date TBA, Time TBA

Location TBA

Maximum Students: 12 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: FREE (book is provided)